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**SPRING
BEGINS
THIS
WEEKEND.
TIME TO:**

- **Open up the house and give it a good spring cleaning.**
- **Get out the gardening and lawn care tools.**
- **Hang the humming bird feeders.**

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Doing it Ourselves

While city crews don't always have the time or the expertise, when possible they do take on a big project. This past winter the Water and Sewer Department employees have been working to move the existing water line on Iberg Road to make way for the reconstruction project. This part of the project consisted of moving 2,900 feet of water line as well as installing all the existing connections to the new line.

This is work that could have been contracted out. It was estimated that the cost of having an outside contractor do the work would have been about \$300,000. As of this week, with most of the work completed, the city's

cost of labor and materials for this project are approximately \$125,000. This represents a significant savings. Good job guys!

When they finish with this job they will begin another smaller water line project on Matter Drive.

This week the Water and Sewer Department also purchased a trailer mounted sewer camera. Prior to this purchase, when the city needed to perform visual inspections of our sewer mains, we would hire outside contractors. This was not always the most practical approach as the inspections needed to be scheduled in advance and some contractors required a minimum fee regardless of

how much time was spent on site. This limited the amount of visual inspections we could do. By purchasing our own camera the crews will be able to inspect any line at any time.

Using this camera, in conjunction with the sewer jet truck that was purchased in 2008, the department's maintenance of sewer lines will be enhanced.

In the past 12 months over 66,000 feet of sewer main have been cleaned using the sewer jet truck.



New Trailer Mounted Inspection Camera



Randy Rinderer using the Sewer Jet truck—Summer 2009